



William Lilley Infant and Nursery School

We are a **nurturing, inspirational family** who are **determined to succeed.**

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A note from Mrs Beardsley

Welcome back to a brand-new school term! A huge congratulations to all our wonderful children as they take their very first steps into the new school year. Your child may be settling into the nursery or stepping proudly into their classrooms, we are already so proud of their bravery, big smiles, and eagerness to explore.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our parents and carers for your brilliant engagement, support, and warm presence during these first few days. We truly believe that a child's journey flourishes best when home and school work hand in hand, with your child's happiness, well-being, and growth right at the heart of everything we do. Effective communication, trusting relationships are key to making this year a success, so please know that our doors are always open for a chat, a question, or a shared moment of celebration. Here is to a term filled with wonder, play, and exciting new discoveries together!



READING



In Reception and Key Stage One, your child will have brought home a book with a black sticker around the base of the spine. Nursery children will be bringing them home soon. These are our 'Reading for Pleasure' books. These books vary in difficulty so your child may not be able to read all of the words yet. It is just for you to read and talk about together to develop a love of reading. They can be changed by your child's class teacher each time that you write in their diary that it is finished.

Please see your child's class teacher if you require any support with reading at home.

This is the first of our Friday newsletters which we will be now be sharing every **fortnight**. In each edition, you can look forward to seeing highlights of what the children have been discovering in class, key updates on upcoming events and dates for your diary, helpful learning tips to try at home, and celebrations of our little ones' individual and group achievements. Sharing this regular snapshot of school life is just one of the ways we aim to keep our communication strong, so please do keep an eye out for each issue in your inbox

Menu for next week W/C 14th September

Unfortunately, our catering suppliers Vertas are still recruiting for a new cook. Therefore, they are still unable to provide school sandwiches next week. Hot meals are available the new interim menu for next week is as follows: Unless your child has a dietary requirement, they will be offered the meal from the top line. If your child does have a dietary requirement, they will be offered the bottom line as an alternative.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato & Mascarpone pasta Roast Mediterranean vegetables	Cheesy cottage pie & gravy Saute potatoes Broccoli Petit pois peas	Roast Gammon & gravy Mashed potatoes Cauliflower cheese Green cabbage	Butchers' thick pork sausages Oven chips Baked beans Grilled tomato	MSC Fishfingers Jacket wedges Petit pois peas & sweetcorn
Chocolate mousse	Honey cake	Oat & raisin cookie	Lemon drizzle cake	Butterscotch tart
Jacket potato with baked beans	BBQ meatfree balls Mashed potato Peas & sweetcorn	Vegetable Hotpot Mashed carrot & swede Green cabbage	Plant based sausage, chips, baked beans, grilled tomato	Jacket potato with baked beans



ATTENDANCE MATTERS – EVERY DAY COUNTS!

It has been a great start to the year and we are so proud of how the children have settled into school life. Thank you to all of our families for helping them arrive ready, happy & prepared to learn.

By working together to support good attendance, we can give our children the best chance to flourish.



Please keep an eye out for a letter regarding our before and after school club. Within this, we will be launching our new curriculum offer alongside a short and longer evening mini-explorers session. Don't forget that all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are eligible for our 'softer' start to the day; joining other children in the hall for activities and some toast or cereal at 8.15am. Your child may already have their breakfast at home, but this 'softer' start is ideal for many children, allowing them time to play and engage with their friends before the start of the day. If you would like your child to attend, bring your child along into the hall at 8.15am



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Calendar 2026-2027

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Wednesday 14th October	Parents Evening		Whole School
Thursday 15th October	Parents Evening		Whole School
Friday 16th October	Inset Day		School closed to children

Inset Day Friday 16th October
Half Term 19th – 30th October
School reopens Monday 2nd November

Year Group News

Early Years Foundation Stage (2 Year olds, F1 and F2)



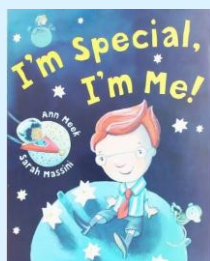
What a fantastic start we have had in our Early Years classes! It has been wonderful to welcome our new children and families into Reception's Remarkable Robins, Nursery's Super Squirrels and our 2 Year Old's Friendly Foxes. We are incredibly proud of how brilliantly everyone has begun their learning journey.

Our Reception children have settled so well into school life. They have been busy exploring their new environment, discovering all the exciting opportunities available to them and beginning to make new friendships. We have been getting to know one another, learning our new routines and developing the confidence to become independent learners.

The children have enjoyed creating their own self-portraits, thinking carefully about their features and what makes them unique. We have also made our first visits to the library, where the children have chosen a Reading for Pleasure book to take home and enjoy with their families. It has been lovely to see their excitement as they begin to develop a love of books and stories.

Our phonics learning has also begun, with the children becoming familiar with the routines and enjoying their first experiences of Read Write Inc. They have made a wonderful start and are already showing enthusiasm for their learning.

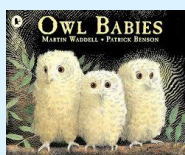
Next week we will be focussing on the book 'I'm Special. I'm Me!' We will be focussing on our uniqueness and the special people in our lives.



Our PE day will be Thursday. We will be joining in with games and physical activities inside. Although we will be taking part in PE we will start to get changed into our kits after October half term. Please ensure your child's kit is in school for when it is needed.

Our Stay and Play sessions have been fantastic. It has been a pleasure to welcome families into our Early Years environments, giving you the opportunity to see where your children learn, play and make friends. Thank you for your support and for helping us to make the transition into school such a positive experience. All our Nursery and 2 Year Old children have all made a brilliant start. They have been getting to know their adults and friends, exploring their new surroundings and beginning to feel safe, happy and confident within their new routines. There has been lots of curiosity, laughter, play and discovery!

Next week in Nursery, we will be sharing and exploring the wonderful story 'Owl Babies'. We will follow the three little owls: Sarah, Percy and Bill. It is a gentle and comforting story that explores feelings, separation, love and reassurance which will be perfect for our nursery children as they settle into new routines and build their confidence with us.



Although Nursery children do not have formal PE sessions, they will continue to enjoy their regular movement and active play sessions with Mr Dylan each week on Thursdays! The children do not need PE kits for these sessions; they can come in their usual school uniform.

Please ensure you child has a water bottle with them each day. This is to be filled with water only and we can top this up as necessary throughout the day.

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



KS1 have had a brilliant start to the school year. It has been lovely to see the children settle into their new classes and we have had lots of fun getting to know each other.

PE Kits

PE days for Moles: Tuesday and Thursday
PE days for Owls: Wednesday and Thursday
Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school ready to change into. We will send these home half termly to be washed.

Reading

Children all have their reading diaries and reading for pleasure books in their book bags. It is our school expectation to read 4 times a week this can be a story shared or the children reading their phonics book matched to their current reading stage - phonics books will be coming home next week after being read during phonics lessons. Please make a note of any at home reading in their diaries which are collected in on a Thursday evening. Children are rewarded with the chance to win books for each time they read at home four or more times a week.

Upcoming learning

In English lessons, we will be starting our Robin Hood talk for writing text. The children will be completing a range of drama activities and performing the story using the class story map and actions.

In Maths, both Y1 and Y2 will be completing work around place value and number. They will be exploring the composition of different numbers and how they can be made in different ways. Y2s will be learning about tens and ones and representing them using sticks and dots.

In our Topic learning, we will be continuing to learn about Nottingham and our local area. The children will be completing some map work of our school as well as learning about different woodland animals.

Mini Explorers Activity Nights

Mondays

Sports

Tuesdays

STEM

Wednesdays

Baking

Thursdays

Arts & Crafts

Fridays

Outdoor Fun

**Available to all William Lilley pupils -
from age 2 to 7!**

Half Session

3.15pm - 4:30pm £6 per session (no snack)

Full Session

**3.15pm - 6:00pm £12 per session (light
snack)**

Book now on your SchoolMoney app!

**We are registered with the
Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme**



October 2026

William Lilley Holiday Club

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years, with funded places available for children in Reception to Year 6

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



To book a funded place via EEQU, please scan this QR code

LOCATION:

William Lilley Primary School

COST:

£25 per day

All childcare vouchers accepted

FREE places available for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals

DATES & TIME:

08:00am - 17:00pm

Monday 26th - Thursday 29th October

HOW TO BOOK:

Scan the QR code to book and use code HHWILI to take you straight to the club or visit our [website](#)



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